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- 1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR CORREIA ON JAN 29 REGARDING FORTHCOMING VISITS OF AF/EX DIRECTOR KRYZA AND G-B DESK OFFICER MCGUIRE TO BISSAU, AS WELL AS STATUS OF GOGB PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON. CORREIA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM 4-DAY VISIT TO FREETOWN WHERE HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS.
- 2. REGARDING US VISITS TO BISSAU, CORREIA CONFIRMED THAT GOGB FULLY AWARE OF VISITS AND HAVE MADE ALL PREPARATIONS. HE BELIEVED THIS ALSO INCLUDED HOTEL OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, BUT PROMISED TO DOUBLECHECK. HE SAID HE INTENDED MEET KRYZA AT AIRPORT UPON HIS ARRIVAL CONAKRY FEB 9. CHARGE NOTED THAT MCGUIRE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED VISIT WITH G-B CHARGE IN NEW YORK (ARAUJO) AND HAD EXPRESSED HOPE VISIT INTERIOR. CORREIA INFORMED ME THAT THIS COULD BE EASILY ARRANGED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. CHARGE INQUIRED WHETHER GOGB HAD MADE ANY FURTHER PLANS REGARDING COMPOSITION OF ITS PROPOSED DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON AND SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THAT DELEGATION WISHED TO RAISE. CORREIA RESPONDED THAT THESE SPECIFIC PLANS HAD BEEN DELAYED AND THAT DETAILS WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL PAIGC SECGEN PEREIRA RETURNS TO BISSAU FOLLOWING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO ALGIERS. I EMPHASIZED NEED TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO MAKE PLANS FOR MUTUALLY PROFITABLE CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON. CORREIRA AWARE OF THIS NEED, AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.

4. CORREIA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ONE OF PRINCIPLE REASONS FOR VARIOUS GOGB DELEGATIONS VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES NOW WAS TO SET FORTH DESPERATE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. HE BELIEVED THAT THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS RAISED IN WASHINGTON, BUT THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD BE OTHERS AS WELL.

5. CORREIA ALSO INFORMED ME THAT LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT WOULD MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO BISSAU ON FEB 6. HE INTENDED TRAVEL TO MONROVIA FEB 4 TO ACCOMPANY TOLBERT. MACDONALD

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